

AMENDMENT

This is a supplemental response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2001. Please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

a. Amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An aqueous glittering ball-point pen ink composition comprising

- a. a glass flake pigment,
- b. a water-soluble resin,
- c. a water-soluble organic solvent, and
- d. water

as essential ingredients,

said glass flake pigment being glass flake coated with a metal, and said glass flake pigment having a median diameter of about 5 to about 100 μm .

b. Amend Claim 3 as follows:

3. (Twice Amended). An aqueous glittering ball-point pen ink composition comprising

- a. a glass flake pigment,
- b. a water-soluble resin,
- c. a water-soluble organic solvent,
- d. water, and

e. a colorant

as essential ingredients.

said glass flake pigment being glass flake coated with a metal, and said glass flake pigment having a median diameter of about 5 to about 100 μm

c. Amend Claims 24, 30, 33 and 35, as follows:

24. A writing tool as set forth in claim 22, wherein the viscosity of ink measured by an ELD-type viscometer (3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C) is 1000 to 10000 mPa·s.

30. A writing tool as set forth in claim 29, wherein said water-soluble resin is a water-soluble thickening resin and the viscosity of aqueous glittering ink measured by an ELD-type viscometer (3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C) is 1000 to 10000 mPa·s.

33. A method of claim 32, wherein the viscosity of aqueous glittering ink measured by an ELD-type viscometer (3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C) is 1000 to 10000 mPa·s.

34. A method of claim 34, wherein the viscosity of aqueous glittering ink measured by an ELD-type viscometer (3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C) is 1000 to 10000 mPa·s.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claims 1, 3, 24, 30, 33 and 35 by the current amendments. The attachment is entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

REMARKS

Applicants have prepared and filed a divisional application directed to the subject matter of pending independent claims 2 and 4 and dependent claims 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14. On receipt of acknowledgment of the filing of this divisional application, those claims will be withdrawn from